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In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 3765
David F. Meschan)
Serial No.: 10/735,343) Group Art Unit: 3728
Filed: December 11, 2003)
For: ATHLETIC SHOE WITH IMPROVED)
HEEL STRUCTURE)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously cited/submitted in a prior application, Serial No. 09/419,641, filed October 18, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,662,471; Serial No. 09/149,142, filed September 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,970,628; and/or Serial No. 08/542,251, filed October 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,210; upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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